

with a federally funded research and development center to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report on alternatives for alignment, organizational reporting, and performance rating of Air Force system program managers, sustainment program managers, and product support managers who reside at Air Logistics Centers or Air Logistics Complexes.

(2) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

(A) Consideration of the proposed reorganization of Air Force Materiel Command announced on November 2, 2011.

(B) An assessment of how various alternatives for aligning the managers described in subsection (a) within Air Force Materiel Command would likely support and impact life cycle management, weapon system sustainment, and overall support to the warfighter over the long term.

(C) An examination of how the Air Force should be organized to best conduct life cycle management and weapon system sustainment, with any analysis of cost and savings factors subject to the consideration of overall readiness as the highest priority.

(D) Recommended alternatives for meeting these objectives.

(3) **COOPERATION OF SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE.**—The Secretary of the Air Force shall provide any necessary information and background materials necessary for completion of the report required under paragraph (1).

SA 1449. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1080. REGIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS.

(a) **DESIGNATION OF LEAD DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall identify and report to the appropriate congressional committees what office within the Department of Defense will be responsible for carrying out the policies stated in Section (a) with regards to regional advanced technology clusters.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing—

(1) the participation of the Department of Defense in regional advanced technology clusters including the number of clusters supported, technologies developed and transitioned to acquisition programs, products commercialized, small businesses trained, companies started, and research and development facilities shared;

(2) implementation by the Department of processes and mechanisms to facilitate collaboration with the clusters;

(3) agreements established with the Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration to jointly support the continued utilization and growth of the clusters;

(4) any additional required authorities, any impediments in supporting regional advanced technology clusters; and

(5) the use of any Inter-Governmental Personnel Act agreements and any access granted to Department of Defense facilities for research and development purposes.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees;

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives.

(2) **REGIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS.**—The term “regional advanced technology clusters” means geographic centers focused on building science and technology-based innovation capacity in areas of local and regional strength to foster economic growth and improve quality of life.

SA 1450. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 6, line 10, and insert the following:

(b) **PREVENTION OF THE IMPORTATION OF COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS AND INFRINGING DEVICES.**—Notwithstanding section 1905 of title 18, United States Code—

(1) if United States Customs and Border Protection suspects a product of being imported or exported in violation of section 42 of the Lanham Act, and subject to any applicable bonding requirements, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to share information on, and unredacted samples of, products and their packaging and labels, or photos of such products, packaging and labels, with the rightholders of the trademark suspected of being copied or simulated, for purposes of determining whether the products are prohibited from importation pursuant to such section; and

(2) upon seizure of material by United States Customs and Border Protection imported in violation of subsection (a)(2) or subsection (b) of section 1201 of title 17, United States Code, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to share information about, and provide samples to affected parties, subject to any applicable bonding requirements, as to the seizure of material designed to circumvent technological measures or protection afforded by a technological measure that controls access to or protects the owner's work protected by copyright under such title.

SA 1451. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1243. SENSE OF SENATE ON CONSIDERATION BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA.

It is the sense of the Senate that the President should lead a diplomatic effort to gain the approval of the Membership Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Georgia in its application for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the May 2012 summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Chicago, Illinois.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 29, 2011, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 29, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Debbie Shaw, a fellow in Senator COBURN's office, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 1867.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I would ask consent that the Defense fellow in my office, MAJ John Flynn, be granted floor privileges for the duration of S. 1867, the Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the legislative fellow in the office of Senator BAUCUS, Air Force MAJ Jason Wright, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on this bill, S. 1867.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 337, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 337) designating December 10, 2011, as “Wreaths Across America Day.”